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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, who provided humanity with Heaven's best gift, thank You for loving us even when we don't deserve it. Forgive us when we take Your gifts for granted and fail to bless others from the overflow of Your bounty.

Slow us down, Lord. Help us to find the time to experience life's wonders. Teach us to pause and consider the starry heavens or to pluck a rose or to say I love You.

Strengthen Your Senators for today's issues. May they labor for You. Give them an awareness of their accountability to You for the decisions they make. Quiet the tempest within and give them Your peace.

We pray this in Your serene Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will conduct a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with the first half of the time under the control of Senator DASCHLE or his designee, and the second half under the control of the majority leader or his

designee. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1637, the JOBS bill. At 11:30 a.m., the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to recommit. It is my hope that cloture will be invoked and we can finish the bill this week.

I encourage my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to vote for cloture so we can expedite consideration of this bill. I reiterate that we are prepared to consider amendments relating to the underlying legislation. Given the time-sensitive nature of this bill, I ask my colleagues to rethink their desire to hold up the bill with unrelated issues. It is time to pass this bill, and I hope the Senate will act accordingly.

The first rollcall vote will therefore occur at 11:30 a.m., and that vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to recommit the bill.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic whip is recognized.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know the Democratic leader is going to make a statement, and I don't know if the majority leader is going to make one. I am wondering if I could ask unanimous consent that the majority and minority have a full half hour on each side today, irrespective of the statements of the two leaders.

Mr. FRIST. Without objection, and I will not be making a statement this morning and would recommend that we go straight to morning business at the appropriate time.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It is the Chair's understanding that there be a full hour equally divided, following the comments of the leadership; is that correct?

Mr. REID. That is right.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business for a full hour until 10:30 a.m. or such time that may expire, with the Democratic leader or his designee in control of the first half of the time, and the majority leader or his designee in control of the remaining time.

Who yields time?

The Democratic leader is recognized. Does the Senator use his leadership time at this time?

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, that is my intention.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is recognized.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to discuss our Nation's effort in the war on terrorism.

Tens of thousands of American soldiers have placed their lives on the line to fight this war, and its outcome affects the security of every American. No one doubts our troops have performed courageously and effectively in this war. The entire world saw how quickly they were able to topple the Taliban in Afghanistan. Less visible, yet certainly no less significant, is the fact that they are taking the fight to terrorists in scores of other countries around the world.

While there is no question about how our troops have performed in the war on terror, there are a growing number of questions about our Government's policies in this critical struggle

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